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OTTAWA PLEASE PASS TO USNATO AMBASSADOR BENNETT

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES

REF: (A) USNATO 4238 (DTG 271758Z MAY 77), (B) USNATO
4865 (DTG 071141Z JUN 77), (C) USNATO 4728 (042020Z
JUN 77), (D) STATE 125556 (DTG 312351Z MAY 77)

SUMMARY: WE OBTAINED AN ADVANCE LOOK AT THE PROPOSED
DPC DECISION DOCUMENT ON THE DEFENSE INITIATIVES, WHICH
ACTING SYG PANSAL PLANS TO CIRCULATE ON JUNE 9. THIS
DOCUMENT REFLECTS ACCURATELY OUR RECOMMENDED CHANGES
TO PO/77/86. OUR PROPOSED POSITION FOR INITIAL EWG
MEETING JUNE 16 FOLLOWS IN PARA 3 BELOW. ACTION
REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE NLT JUNE 15. END SUMMARY.

1. IN LINE WITH OUR REQUEST TO PANSAL (REF B),
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DEPUTY ASYG FOR DEFENSE PLANNING (BRABAND) SHOWED
US PROPOSED FINAL TEXT OF REVISED P.O. ON LONG-TERM
PROGRAM AND SHORT-TERM MEASURES (PO/77/86 - REF A),
WHICH HE PLANNED TO HAVE CIRCULATED AS DPC DECISION
DOCUMENT ON 9 JUNE. REVISED TEXT WAS ESSENTIALLY
CONSISTENT WITH OUR IMPRESSIONS OF OUTCOME OF
3 JUNE DPC MEETING AND REFLECTED OUR PROPOSED CHANGES

(REF C) EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) DATE FOR TOR SUBMISSIONS FROM TASK FORCES (TF) WAS STILL SHOWN AS 15 JULY, WHICH BRABAND AGREED TO AMEND BY INDICATING "1 JULY" AS THE PREFERRED DATE "BUT IN NO CASE LATER THAN 15 JULY."

- (B) ADDITION OF SUBPARAGRAPH 2(E) CALLING FOR TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMPROVEMENT TO NATO PROGRAM AND IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY. BRABAND'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT POINT WAS ALREADY COVERED UNDER PARAGRAPH 9, BUT HE SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO MAKE AMENDMENT, SUBJECT TO PANSAS APPROVAL.

2. PANSAS WILL CONVENE A MEETING JUNE 9 OF KEY TASK FORCE PERSONNEL, ON WHICH BRABAND AGREED TO DEBRIEF US.

3. AT THE FIRST EWG MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 16 JUNE, BRABAND SAID THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE BEING CONSIDERED FOR DISCUSSION:

- (A) GENERAL ORIENTATION ON WORKING PROCEDURES.
- (B) INTRODUCTION OF TASK FORCE DIRECTORS.
- (C) GENERAL CRITERIA FOR TASK FORCE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TORS).
- (D) PROPOSALS BY TASK FORCE DIRECTORS ON TASK FORCE COMPOSITION.
- (E) CANADIAN PROPOSAL ON A PROGRAM FOR ANTI-ARMOR.

4. AT THE EWG MEETING WE PROPOSE TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITIONS:

- (A) ENCOURAGE TASK FORCE DIRECTORS TO MAKE USE OF APPROPRIATE NATIONAL EXPERTS TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE AND OFFER U.S. ASSISTANCE.

- (B) DRAWING ON REF D, SUGGEST GENERAL CRITERIA FOR TASK FORCE TORS.

- (C) THOUGH WE THINK THAT A CASE CAN BE MADE THAT ANTI-ARMOR COULD BE COVERED ADEQUATELY UNDER THE READINESS PROGRAM, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO JOIN CONSENSUS ON A SEPARATE ANTI-ARMOR PROGRAM, IF IT EMERGES.

- (D) WE WILL ALSO TRY TO DEFLECT ANY SPECIFIC DISCUSSION IN EWG OF THE TNF MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, REFERRING THE ISSUE TO NPG FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

- (E) ELABORATE ON THE UTILITY OF PERIODIC EWG

MEETINGS REINFORCED BY POLICY-LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM CAPITALS.

- (F) ASSURE THAT THE PROGRAM FOR COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDES TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS.

- (G) PRESS FOR EARLY EWG REVIEW OF TASK FORCE TORS.

5. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE OUR INFORMAL CONTACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF AND WITH ALLIES TO ASCERTAIN OTHER SUBJECTS THAT MAY BE RAISED AT THE JUNE 16 EWG

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MEETING. ABOVE ALL, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD AVOID OVERLY STRUCTURING OR FORMALIZING THESE INITIAL EWG DISCUSSIONS. WE PROPOSE, THEREFORE, TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE ON THE AGENDA, WITH OUR AIM BEING TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM ALREADY ACHIEVED, AND TO AVOID UNNECESSARY NATIONAL OR NATO HEADQUARTERS INTERFERENCE WITH EARLY TASK FORCE WORK. END COMMENT.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE NLT 15 JUNE. STREATOR

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